

## Decision Counseling Steps

### 1) Love

- **Introduce yourself first**
  - “My, name is... and I want to visit with you today about what Jesus is doing in your life”
- **Reassure them that God and you love them and want to help them**
  - “We love you and we are here to listen and help you.”

### 2) Listen

- **Listen to them after asking them to elaborate about why they want to make this decision**
  - “Why did you come forward today?”
  - “What has brought you to this point in your life?”
  - “What do you believe God is telling you to do?”
  - “What questions do you have?”
- **Remember**
  - Take time, do not rush them
  - Make eye contact
  - Do not interrupt
  - Repeat back to them what they said

## Decision Counseling Steps (cont.)

### 3) Look

- **Look in the Bible for guidance, ask them if they understand what God is saying**
- “Let us look together in God’s Word about what God has to say about your situation...”
- Use the handouts for salvation, baptism, membership, rededication, prayer, etc.
- **ALWAYS read from the Bible (letting them read it is the BEST way)**
- As you go through each verse, ask...
  - What is God saying in this verse? (correct them if necessary)
  - Do you believe this? (If YES, move on; if NO, stop here and work on this point)

### 4) Lead

- **Lead them to take the next step**
- “Now that you know what God wants you to do, RIGHT NOW will you ...
  - Give your life to Christ for salvation?
  - Schedule a time to follow the LORD in believer’s baptism?
  - Join with this church in membership and service?
  - Turn back to God and let Him put your life back on track?
  - Will you give your problem to the LORD and trust Him with it?
- When they make a decision...
  - Support it
  - Schedule it
  - Praise them
- **Promise them you will personally follow up with them this week**
  - Take down their information for follow-up
  - Always close in prayer

# Counseling Quick Guide

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*Pointing People to Christ*

### The Urgencies of Evangelism

1. Jesus Christ is coming quickly! (**1 Thess 5:2**)
2. The Lost are Really Lost! (**Matt 7:13**)
3. Christians are Accountable to reach the Lost (**2 Cor 5:10-11**)
4. Time is Limited! (**Jn 9:4**)

### The Parts of the Gospel (Lk 24:44-48)

1. Jesus Christ is God and the Messiah
2. Jesus really died on the cross for the World
3. Jesus physically arose from the grave
4. If we will repent and trust Him, He will forgive

### How to be forgiven and saved

1. God says all are sinners, **Ro 3:10, 23**
2. God tells the reason all are sinners, **Ro 5:12**
3. God tells us the result of sin, **Ro 6:23**
4. God tells of His concern for sinners, **Ro 5:8-9**
5. God’s way to salvation, **Ro 10:9-10, 13**
6. God tells the results of salvation, **Ro 5:1, 8:1**
7. God gives the saved assurance, **Ro 8:16**

### Here’s a Suggested Prayer:

*“Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I do not deserve eternal life. But, I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for me. Jesus, come into my life, take control of my life, I repent of my sins, please forgive my sins and save me. I now trust You alone for my salvation and I accept your free gift of eternal life. - In Jesus name I pray this, Amen.”*

## **Selected Verses for Counseling**

ADULTERY (Ex 20:14, Matt 5:27-31, Lk 16:18)

ASSURANCE (1 Jn 5:11-13, Ro 8:38-39, 10:13, Jn 10: 27-30, Eph 2:8)

ATONEMENT (Isa 52-53, Lk 24:44-48, Jn 1:29, Ro 3:24-5:7)

BAPTISM (I Cor. 15:3-4, Col. 2:12, 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor 15:51-52, Acts 2:41, 8:38-39)

BLASPHEMY (Ex 20:7, Matt 12:31-32)

BLOOD (Matt 26:28, Ro 3:24, Eph 1:7, 2:13, Heb 9:12-14, Rev 1:5)

CHARACTER (Deut 7:6, Ez 20:43, 2 Cor 1:12, 1 Jn 3:3)

CHOICES (Jos 1:7, Matt 6:24, 12:30, 1 Tim 6:11)

CONFESSION (Matt 7:21-23, 10:32, 1 Jn 1:9, 1 Jn 4, Rev 3:5)

CONSCIENCE (Matt 6:22-23, Acts 24:16, Ro 2:14-15, 2 Cor 1:12, 4:2, Heb 9:14)

CONVICTION (Ps 51, Is 6:5, Lk 5:8, 1 Cor 14:24-25)

CREATION (Gen 1, Jer 27:5, Mal 2:10, Jn 1:1-21)

DEATH (Gen 2:17-19, 1 Sam 2:6, Job 1:21, Ro 5:12, Heb 9:27)

DEPRESSION (Psalms 33, 34:1, 42:6, 107:8, 107:9, 119:165)

DIVORCE (Mal 2:13-16; Matt 19:4-12; Mk 10:2-9; 1 Cor 7:10-13)

DRUNKENNESS (Deut 29:6; 1 Sam 1:15; Ecc10:17; Lk 21:34; Ro 13:13; Eph 5:18)

EXCUSES (Lk 14:18-20, Jn 15:22; Acts 24:25; Ro 1:20-21)

FAITH (Lk 17:5; 18:8; Ro 10:17; 14:23; 1 Cor 2:5; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 5:6; Heb 11)

FALSE TEACHERS (Deut 18:20-22; Isa 9:15-16; 2 Peter 2:1-22; 3:17, Deut 18:20-22)

FEAR (Matt 10:25-26, 28, 31; 14:27; 17:7; Mk 5:36; Lk 5:10; 12:7, Jn 14:27; Acts 18:9; Rev 1:17)

FORGIVENESS (Isa27:9; 33:24; Jer 31:34; Eze16:63; Matt 12:31-32; Jn 20:23; Col 2:13)

GOSPEL (Ro1:16-17; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Jn 3:16; 20:31; Acts 16:31; Ro3:22-26; Eph 2:8-9, Lk 24:44-48)

GOSSIP (Pr 20:19; 1 Tim 3:11; 5:13; Titus 2:3)

GRACE (Ro 3:24-26; Eph2:8-9, Jn 3:16; Ro 5:6-10; Eph 2:4-9; Titus 3:4-5, Jn 1:14, 16-17; 2 Cor 8:9, 1 Peter 4:10, Ro 6:14, 19, 22)

HEAVEN (Matt 3:2; 4:17; 5:3, 20; 8:11; 13:11; 16:19, 18:3-4; Jn 3:5; 14:1-2, 6; 1 Cor 15:50-54)

HELL (Matt 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 18:8-9; Mk 9:43-48; Lk 12:5, Matt 13:42, 50; 25:41; Mk 9:43; Lk 16:24; Rev 9:2; 19:20; 20:10, 14-15; 21:8)

HOLINESS (Gen 17:1, Ex 11:45, Ps 1, Mic 6:8, Ro 6:6-23)

HOMOSEXUALITY (Ro 1:18:32)

HOPE Ro 15:12; 2 Cor 1:10; 1 Tim4:10; 5:5; 6:17; 1 Peter 1:21; 3:5, Ps 130:5, Matt 12:21, Ro 15:12; 1 Cor 15:19; Eph1:12; 1 Thess 1:3; 1 Tim 1:1)

HUMILITY (Ps 25:9; 34:2; 37:11; Pr 11:2; 22:4; 29:23)

IDOLATRY (Ex 12:12; 32:35; Lev26:30; Deut27:15; Isa 2:18; Jer 51:47, 52; Eze 6:6; 14:7-8)

IMMORTALITY (Ro2:7, 1 Cor 15:53-54, 1 Tim 1:17; 6:16, 2 Tim 1:10)

IMMORALITY (1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal5:19-21, 1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5,8-9; Eph5:3; Col 3:5; 1 Thess 4:3-4)

JESUS (John 1:1-3, 47-50; 5:18-19; 8:58; 10:30; 20:28; Ro 9:5; Eph 1:23; Phil 2:6-11; Col 2:9; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8; 13:8; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 Jn 5:20; Rev 1:8)

JOY (Ps 16:11; 21:6, Gal5:22; 1 Thess 1:6)

JUDGMENT (Heb 9:27, Matt 25:31-46, Rev 20:11-15)

JUSTIFICATION (Ro 3:21-26; 4:5-8; 8:1, 33-34; Co 2:13)

LONELINESS (Deut 31:8, Ps 23:4, 27:10, Jn 14:18, Heb 13:5)

LOVE (Jn 3:16, Ga 5:22; 1 Jn 4:16, 19, Jn 15:13; Gal2:20; Eph 5:2; 1 Jn 4:10)

MERCY (Mk 5:19; 1 Tim 1:16; Heb 2:17; Jude 21)

MARRIAGE (Ex 20:14, 17, Matt 19:5-6, 2 Cor 6:14, Eph 5:21-28, Col 3:19, Heb 13:4, 1 Peter 3:7)

MONEY (Deut 8:18, Jer 9:23-24, Matt 6:21-24, Mk 10:25, 1 Tim 6:9-10, Mal 3:8)

OBEDIENCE (Jn 14:23; Acts 5:32; 2 Cor 10:5; He 5:9; 1 Peter 1:2, Ps 40:8; Isa 50:4-5)

PATIENCE (Ro 5:3, Eph 4:2, He 6:12, James 1:3-4, 5:7-8, Rev 14:12)

PEACE (Isa 26:4, Matt 5:9, Jn 14:27, Ro 5:1, 14:19)

PRAYER (Isa 65:24, Matt 6:7-11, 7:7-11, Jn 14:13-14, Ro 8:26-27, Heb 4:16, James 1:5-15)

REPENTANCE (Ezek 33:11; Mk 1:15; Lk 13:1-5; Jn 3:16; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4; 1Tim 2:4)

SALVATION (Ro 3:10, 23, 5:12, 6:23, 5:8-9, 10:9-10, 13, 5:1, 8:1, 8:16)

SIN (Ps 51:12, 139:23-24, Lk 12:10, Ro 3:10, 6:23, 1 Jn 1:9, 3:4)

STRENGTH (Ps 27:1, Isa 40:29-31, Phil 4:13)

STRESS (Ps 62:1-2, Isa 26:3, Ro 5:3-4, Phil 4:6-7)

TEMPTATION (1 Cor 10:13, 2 Tim 2:22, James 1:12)

TESTIMONY (Lk 12:8-12, Ro 10:9-13, 1 Peter 3:15)

TRUST (Pr 3:5-6, Isa 26:3, Ro 3:21-22)

WISDOM (Ps 119:97-98, Pr 1:7, Ecc 8:1, Col 2:8, James 1:5)

WORRY (Ps 37:8, Matt 6:31-33, Lk 12:25-26, Phil 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7)

WORSHIP (Ex 20:3, Ps 100:4, Matt 4:10, Mk 12:30)